

THE weather man promises the prettiest Sunday in months tomorrow. Be in church lately?

## HOME EDITION

### GERMANY WILL NOT REPLY TO LAST U. S. NOTE

What's an Armed Merchantman Is Naval Secret.

Thinks Uncle Sam Is Getting Too Inquisitive.

INDIGNATION IN GERMANY

Teuton Press Surprised at United States Action.

Declare Emphatically Raid Rule Not Be Curtailed.

BY CARL W. ACKERMAN.

Berlin, Feb. 19.—Germany has said her last word on the Lusitania matter and will not prepare another note dealing with that question. It was strongly indicated in official circles today.

Officials are not commenting freely on the latest reports from Washington that Secretary Lansing will not recognize Germany's right to torpedo armed merchantmen. But the official attitude, as nearly as it can be said, is this:

Germany does not believe the United States would question her too closely upon the manner in which the new policy is to be enforced. Should the foreign office, for instance, inform Washington just how German submarine commanders will interpret the term "armed merchantman" in executing these orders, officials believe Germany would be imparting her secret to Germany's enemies. That this is a purely military matter concerning only herself and her allies.

Is Closed Affair.

Exactly what attitude the foreign office will take in view of the latest reports from Washington is not definitely known. It was only stated today that Ambassador Bernstorff already has been fully instructed relative to the Lusitania settlement.

These instructions were given him to make the changes suggested in his recent conference with Secretary Lansing. Officials consider that the Lusitania case itself was really closed at this conference.

AROUSES GERMANS.

Amsterdam, Feb. 19.—Reports that the United States will not submit to Germany's new policy of torpedoing armed merchantmen has aroused indignation in Germany, according to advice received here today.

The Cologne Gazette, which has close relations with the German government, declares Germany will not curtail the rights of her submarines on account of reckless neutrals who insist on traveling in unlit waters.

The other newspapers express the greatest astonishment at the news from Washington, but for the most part await calmly the German ambassador Bernstorff before expressing decided opinions.

Want United States Guarantee.

Berlin newspapers comment favorably on reports that the United States would bar armed vessels from her ports and would refuse to grant passports to citizens sailing on such ships, and declared that concurrence in this program by the United States would end the submarine controversy.

In their editorial columns, however, the Berlin papers declared Germany would not consent to withdraw her orders to torpedo armed merchantmen merely because England gave assurances to the United States that the runs would be used only for despatch purposes. They declared such assurances already had been given informally by England but that British commanders had broken faith by attacking submarines. Several papers suggested that Germany might accept this proposal if the United States accepted responsibility for any breach of faith by England by declaring war on her allies.

### BIG STEAMSHIP ASHORE

Comrie Castle Is on Reef Off East Africa—Passengers Safe.

London, Feb. 19.—The British steamship Comrie Castle is ashore on a reef off Mombasa, British East Africa. Her passengers have been landed.

The Comrie Castle was last reported at Mombasa on January 19. She is a 5,173-ton vessel owned by the Union Castle Mail Steamship company of London. She was built in 1903.

Iowa to Britain Baseball.

Ames, Iowa, Feb. 19.—Baseball will continue as a major sport at Iowa state college as the result of action taken by the faculty. It was announced today. Faculties of the schools in the Missouri Valley conference have been asked for their views on the same person. The vote by the Iowa state faculty was unanimous in favor of retaining the sport.

### THE PARADOX OF WAR

(BY BERNARD SHAW.)

London, Feb. 19.—All the belligerents are bleeding to death and assurances that "our enemies are bleeding faster than we," do not meet the case, because no sane person imagines that the death of an Englishman is a final gain to Germany or that the death of a German is a final gain to England.

If the whole population of Germany had been wiped out in 1913 by an earthquake all Europe—including these islands—would have been poorer and the same Germans who would have been displaced on London would have been displaced by Ludgate Hill had become an active volcano at the same time.

It is the paradox of war that self preservation becomes suicide and suicide becomes self preservation.

### Only Irish Can Join Regiments From Erin Sod

London, Feb. 19.—"We must not and will not tolerate the idea of our Irish regiments being reformed by any but Irish soldiers," said John Redmond, the Irish leader in a manifesto to the people of Ireland, in which he appeals to the young men who are still available to join reserve battalions and begin training that they may be ready, if needed, to fill every gap in the Irish army in the field.

### KAW IS COMING UP

River Reaches Stage of 16.1 Feet This Morning.

Stream Full of Ice; Jams Will Cause Trouble.

The Kaw river rose rapidly early today and reached a stage of 16.1 feet. Late this afternoon it began to fall slightly. The current is completely filled with ice, and in case of a jam there will be trouble. "No danger is imminent," said S. D. Flora, local weather observer. "But if the ice forms a jam and obstructs the current there will be trouble."

In the past two days the river has jumped nearly 7 feet. The rise since Friday morning was 3.1 feet. Ice is coming down from the Blue river, where, Friday it was reported that Rocky Ford dam was in danger and several bridges were swept out by the heavy flows. Other tributary streams are contributing their share of ice, and the Kaw presents a slight unequaled since the high water of last fall.

The river is being closely watched for any indication of trouble by farmers along the stream and by people of the towns below Topeka. A jam six miles long was reported Friday between Lawrence and Leocompton, and this may be in a measure responsible for the rise at Topeka.

Inspected by City.

Commissioner W. G. Tandy and Frank Snyder, city engineer, went down to the river this morning on the information that the ice might damage the Melan bridge. They came away satisfied that there is no danger. There are no jams in prospect. The surface of the river is almost covered with ice, but most of it is in small chunks and the wind will give it plenty of room to pass. The only danger, according to Commissioner Tandy, is that trees or driftwood might be against one of the piers and allow the ice to back up. In that event the city would get busy cutting with men, ropes, dynamite and whatever other facilities were necessary.

Frank Simms, who lives on the north river bank, says he believes the ice has cut away the big sand bar that occupied the center of the river bed west of the Melan bridge. He watched the ice from a sand dune and had collected at the north end of the bridge.

"Yesterday, when the river was coming up, I saw big chunks of ice sixty feet across strike the bar and lift straight up in the air. You could tell by the way they acted that they were digging great in the sand. The ice is going to clear all the debris out of the river through Topeka."

### TO BE WARM AND CLEAR

Weather Bureau Promises the Finest Sunday Since Last Fall.

Tomorrow will be the finest Sunday since last fall, with bright sunshine and moderate temperatures. A minimum of about freezing is expected tonight and tomorrow will be fine for auto riding and walking providing you stay on dry roads. The Kaw river is at a stage of 16 feet and full of ice. The wind is in the southwest.

The forecast calls for fair weather with moderate temperatures tonight and Sunday. Temperatures of not lower than 26 to 30 are predicted by the forecasters for 48-hour periods in all directions. The weather is expected before Monday, and probably not then.

Hourly temperature readings last night were 34 degrees, 13 degrees above normal, and the kind that is usually experienced in the latter part of March.

The mercury mounted rapidly this morning and was expected to come near the high mark for this date. In 1899 the temperature reached 84 degrees. At 10 o'clock this morning the reading was 46 degrees. The lowest temperature on record is 18 degrees below zero, established in 1889.

Temperatures today averaged 17 degrees above normal, making the day one of the April variety. The mercury mounted rapidly, reaching 62 degrees at 2 o'clock. This is within 2 degrees of the high record for this date. The wind shifted to the southwest last night and blew at the rate of 12 miles an hour today.

Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau:

7 o'clock	37	11 o'clock	52
8 o'clock	38	12 o'clock	57
9 o'clock	42	1 o'clock	60
10 o'clock	48	2 o'clock	62

### WRECK BANKER'S HOME

Defunct Financier Believed Bomb Placed by Enraged Depositor.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—A bomb partially wrecked the home of Modestino Mastrogiovanni, a former private banker, early today. The affairs of the bank are in the bankruptcy court. Neither Mastrogiovanni nor his wife, who were asleep on the second floor, was injured by the explosion.

Mastrogiovanni said he had received threatening letters signed "Black Hand," but believed the explosion was the work of an enraged depositor whose money was lost when the bank failed.

### ARE BADLY BEATEN

Little Chance of Turks Trying to Retake Erzerum.

First Detailed Story of Victory Reaches Petrograd.

OTTOMAN REALIZED THEIR FATE

First Forts Fell to Russians on January 29.

Inner Forts Evacuated Before Bayonet Charge.

Petrograd, Feb. 19.—The first story in detail of the capture of Erzerum by the Russians reached Petrograd semi-officially today. It shows complete co-operation of Russian troops along a wide area which made useless resistance on the part of the Turks. Apparently the Turks realized the fall was inevitable and withdrew most of their forces before the final onslaught, leaving the garrison of the widely separated forts to their fate.

The campaign began to reach its climax in the last days of January. The troops of General P. P. from the north and those of General K. from the east moved against the first line of forts. The Russian soldiers weather conditions. The Russians dragged their artillery to the heights surrounding the fortress and when all was ready began to bombard Forts Kara Gudok, 20 miles, and Fort Dalan, 15 miles northeast of Erzerum, preparatory to the bayonet assault.

Both Forts Captured.

On January 29 both forts capitulated. The taking of Dalan Gex made a breach in the outer line of defense along the Beve Boinu range in front of the city. The capture of Kara Gudok opened a direct passage through the Karabagha range, the city proper from the northeast. Fort Tafia lies midway between these two fortresses.

In a night attack on January 30 this fort was captured, leaving only Chaban Bebe between the two armies operating from this quarter.

On February 1 the Russians began to storm the whole front line on the Beve Boinu heights. By evening all these positions were in Russian hands, permitting complete encirclement of the city. The fall of this first line quickly decided the fate of the inner forts.

Beat Hasty Retreat.

Meanwhile the Palanteen group of forts seven miles to the south had been surrounded on three sides. The Russian troops were arranging to begin without giving the men time for a rest. The five inner forts made only a hasty retreat into the city and followed the bulk of the troops which already were on the roads leading westward. Our rear guard was in the fighting of the last day. Signs that the evacuation was under way were visible immediately after the fall of the first fort.

It is thought possible the Turks will attempt to make a stand at the first of the western edge of Erzerum, eleven miles distant, but it is not regarded as probable that they have been able to erect any extensive fortification there.

The Russians are hastily repairing the damage done to the city by the Turks to retake them. No news has been received of the fate of Ekved Pova Pacha, commander of the Turkish corps, who was in charge of the defense of Erzerum.

Reinforcements Were Coming.

It is reported that reinforcements from Thrace were on the way to Erzerum but that they were still five or six days distant when the city was captured. Artillery has been shipped by sea to Trebizond. A telegram from Sebastopol reports the bombardment of Vitepsk on the Black sea, 15 miles east of Trebizond. The Turks are evacuating.

The reference in the foregoing to Ekved Pacha, commander of the Turkish corps, who was in charge of the defense of Erzerum, is a mistake. The commander in charge of Erzerum before it surrendered apparently disposed of the Turkish forces in the city. He was in charge of the German Field Marshal von Goltz or his complot, Field Marshal Limon von Sanders.

### VERDICT FOR \$30,000

Cotton Expert Claimed Reputation Was Injured \$1,500,000 Worth.

Washington, Feb. 19.—D. J. Sully of New York was awarded \$30,000 damages in his suit against John Hays Hammond of this city, who he claimed, attempted to destroy his reputation as a cotton expert. A sealed verdict was given by a jury in the District of Columbia supreme court. Sully sued for \$1,500,000 damages.

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### Thought Hubby a Broker; Finds He's a Beggar

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Because she objected to her husband's calling Mrs. Mary Mack Powley has been granted a divorce. The decree was signed yesterday by Judge Kernsten. He told her he worked at the stock yards and she concluded he was a livestock broker. Less than a month after her marriage in 1913 she went to visit a friend on the South side. "There I saw him," she told the court, "standing on a corner with his hat in his hand. He was a professional beggar."

### NAMES THE MAN

Pearl Higginbottom Accuses Charles Smith of Crime.

He Is Arrested on Warrant Sworn Out by Sheriff.

Charles Smith, a young man who is a piano player, was pressed late this afternoon by Hugh Larimer, undersheriff, on a warrant which charges a statutory crime against Pearl Higginbottom, the 13-year-old girl who was found at Grove Thursday dressed in boy's clothes. The girl, in company with Hazel Gardner, ran away from her home in Topeka last Tuesday afternoon.

The warrant for Smith, who is a one-armed man, was issued today by Robert Garver, assistant county attorney, following her story told to county officials.

The girl told Garver today that she went to a local theater one day last January and after buying her ticket went inside and sat down. The claims, followed her in and came and sat down beside her.

Then, she told Garver, Smith introduced her to a man in a tuxedo, who was a member of the National Bank of Chicago. The man, who was a member of the National Bank of Chicago, was a member of the National Bank of Chicago.

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### RESIGN IN A HUFF

Two Members State Hospital Board Quit Jobs.

Action Follows Row Over Outing Asylum Superintendent.

St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 19.—Two of the five members of the board of managers of the state hospital for the insane here forwarded their resignations to Governor Miller today following the action of a majority of the board in removing Dr. G. R. Thompson as superintendent. The retiring members are Dr. J. A. Postlewaite of Tarkio, president of the board, and E. S. Villmoore of Kansas City. Two of the staff physicians of the institution and a number of attendants also have resigned.

Dr. Thompson was ousted and Dr. W. Whittington of St. Joseph, appointed to succeed him after an all day session of the board which ended shortly before midnight. Dr. Thompson was found guilty of charges of incompetency, Dr. S. Villmoore of Kansas City, member of the board, announced after the meeting that he would resign.

E. L. Spencer, attorney for Thompson, said, when the verdict was announced after the meeting that he would resign. Dr. J. A. Postlewaite of Tarkio, president of the board, and E. S. Villmoore of Kansas City, voted in the negative.

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### INVOLVES A BANK

Probers of Sinal Trust Call for Deposit Record.

"We Won't Give It," Is Defi of Chicago Banker.

"POT CALLS KETTLE BLACK"

Alleged Monopoly Points to N. Y. Concern as "It."

Charge Bank That Loaned to Growers Was Disciplined.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The senate agriculture committee today decided to call upon the Continental and Commercial National bank of Chicago to submit a statement showing the deposits of the International Harvester company for the last three years in order to determine the truth of charges that the Harvester company had disciplined the Chicago bank for extending financial aid to the sisal growers of Yucatan.

The committee is investigating charges that the Harvester company and the Plymouth Corderage company combined to monopolize the sisal output and prevent independent twine dealers from obtaining raw material and counter charges that the Pan-American Commission corporation, of which Sol Wexler, a New York banker, was the head, financed a sisal monopoly with the idea of putting up the price to American merchants.

Threats Kept Back Loans.

The committee has been told that the Pan-American corporation was formed under the planter had been unable to make loans from independent bankers, who refused because of threats from the Harvester and Plymouth companies.

Won't Show Records.